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SUBJECT: TURKMENISTAN'S GAS DELIVERIES TO IRAN

According to Turkmen sources, Turkmenistan's gas exports to Iran are shipped via the Korpeje-Kurt-Kui pipeline that runs parallel to the Caspian coast south from the Korpeje gas field. The pipeline, which has a capacity of 14 bcm per year, was first put into operation in 1997. Since that time, the amount of gas delivered annually has varied greatly. Despite the planned delivery of eight bcm in 2008, it appears that only five bcm of Turkmen gas will actually be sent to Iran, due to the cutoff of deliveries that occurred in January-March 2008. Approximately two million ethnic Turkmen live in Northern Iran.

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